Workshop on wastewater treatment

2772. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether global as well as national experts have urged Government to set up a multi-stakeholder task force to formulate an overall strategy for effective management and treatment of wastewater which was the need of the hour;

(b) if so, whether a two-day workshop on "Wastewater Treatment; Decentralised Technologies for Effective Management" was held in New Delhi in the month of January, 2003;

(c) whether any strategy has been formulated in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) No, Sir. No suggestion from Global or National Experts to set up a multi-stakeholder task force to formulate an overall strategy for effective management and treatment of wastewater has been received by the Ministry of Water Resources.

(b) The Ministry of Water Resources is not aware of a two-day workshop on "Wastewater Treatment; Decentralised Technologies for Effective Management" held in the month of January, 2003 at New Delhi.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Water quality in India

2773. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India ranks "120th" in a list of 122 countries for their water quality as also their ability and